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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

12:00 Noon

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Representative Bruce Rendon, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Rendon, Goike, Forlini, Pettalia, Cole, Smiley, and Brinks. (7/8)**

Member absent and excused was **Representative Gay-Dagnogo. (1/8)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of October 1, 2015 as printed.

Representative Pettalia moved to adopt the minutes of October 1, 2015 as printed.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Resolution 154.

HR 154 (Kivela)

A resolution to encourage the President and Congress of the United States and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to support plans to upgrade the Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and approve the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' request to fund preparation of an Economic Reevaluation Report.

Representative Kivela, the resolution sponsor, explained the resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

Autumn Gillard, Legislative Assistant at Acuitas and representing the Lake Carriers' Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the resolution, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Cole moved to report House Resolution 154 with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Rendon, Goike, Forlini, Pettalia, Cole, Smiley, and Brinks, (7/8)

Nays: None. (0)

The resolution was referred to the full House.

The Chair laid before the committee messages from the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association.

The Chair read the two communications, dated Tuesday, October 6, 2015 and Wednesday, October 7, 2015, from Steve Yencich, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association. Discussion followed.

Representative Pettalia read his communication and then moved that the Chair respectfully request Mr. Steve Yencich, President and CEO of the Michigan Lodging and Tourism, presence to explain the contents of the two e-mails at the next scheduled committee meeting.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Rendon, Goike, Pettalia, Cole, Smiley, and Brinks, (6/8)

Nays: None. (0)

The motion was adopted.

Representative Smiley moved to excuse Representative Gay-Dagnogo from today's committee meeting.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the member was excused.

There being no other business before the committee; Representative Goike moved to adjourn the meeting.

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:23 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Bruce Rendon, Chair

House Standing Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee